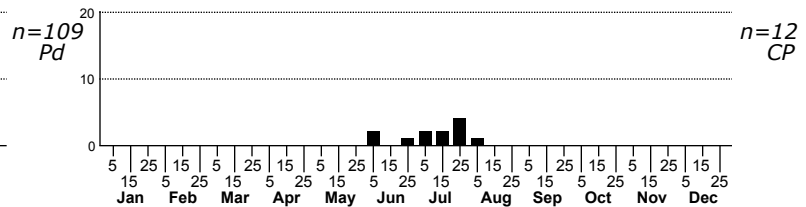
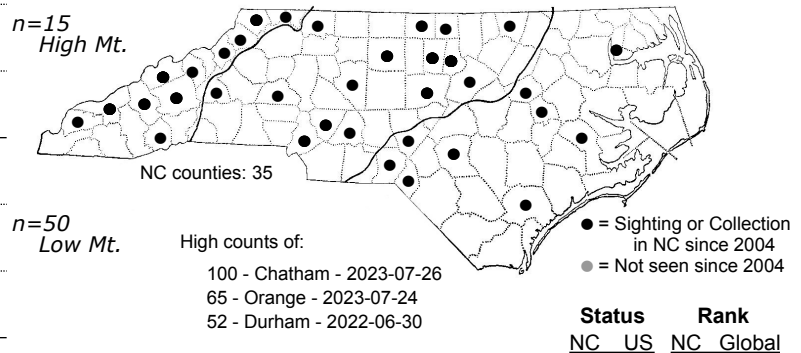
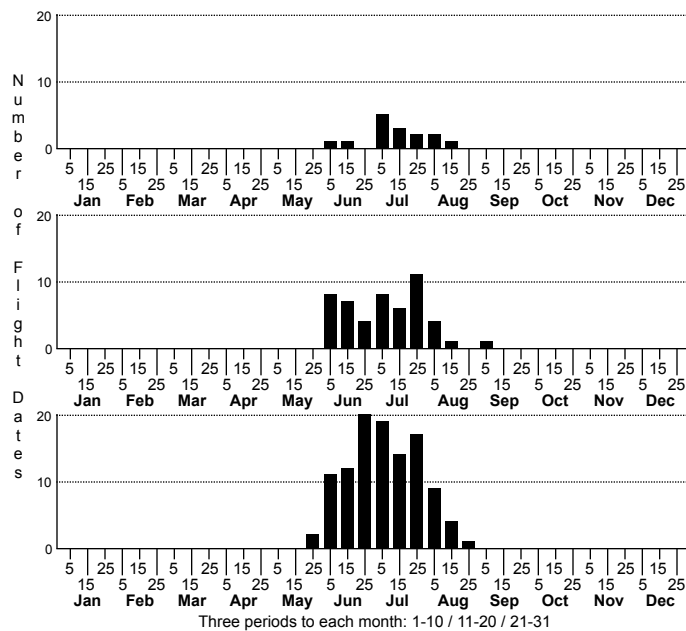


Crambus agitatellus Double-banded Grass-veneer Moth



FAMILY: Crambidae SUBFAMILY: Crambinae TRIBE: Crambini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of 42 species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Scholtens and Solis, 2015), eleven of which have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Head and thorax are luteous; the palps are somewhat fuscous and white beneath (Fernald, 1896). The ground color of the forewings is ochraceous with orange streaks. The silver stripe is divided by a fine line of brown (sometimes faint or missing); a separate white patch is located just before the subterminal line and is bordered above and below with two dark and silver streaks along the veins. Another white spot is located between the main streak and the costa. *Crambus saltuellus* is very similar but has a more prominent brown stripe running through the silver stripe and has a larger number of dark and silver lines extending out from the upper portion of the silver stripe; in some individuals, dark streaks run along close to the inner margin from the base of the wing to the subterminal line (BugGuide, 2018).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: We have records from essentially all grass-containing in the state, including high elevation fens, Longleaf Pine sandridges, and suburban yards

FOOD: Larvae feed on grasses (Robinson et al., 2010)

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Comes well to blacklights

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR S5

STATE PROTECTION: Has no legal protection, although permits are required to collect it on state parks and other public lands.

COMMENTS: